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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Martinus C. M. Bakx
Serial Number : 10/638,236
Filed: : 08/07/2003
For : Wraparound Carton and Blank
Attorney's Docket : D-7875
Art Unit : 3721

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, the references listed on the attached forms PTO-1449 are being brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the examination of the above-identified application. Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

Two of the five non-English-language references shown in the forms PTO-1449, i.e., DE 37,11,322 and FR 2,579,958, were cited in the International Search Report in PCT Application No. US02/03692, filed February 7, 2002, while two other non-English-language reference, i.e., DE 33,21,036 and EP 0,285,043, were cited in the Search Report in GB 0103023.8, filed February 7, 2001. Both the PCT and GB applications correspond to the present application. Copies of the search reports (in English) are also enclosed. The International Search Report indicates that Column 2, Lines 29-48 and Figures 1 and 2 of DE 37,11,322 were thought to be relevant under category "X" to claims 1, 5 and 6 and under category "A" to claims 2-4 and 7-9 that were originally filed in the PCT application, and that claim 1 of FR 2,579,958 was thought to be relevant under category "X" to claims 1 and 5 that were originally filed in the PCT application. The British Search Report indicates that the whole disclosure of EP 0,285,043 was thought to be relevant to claims 1 and 5 of the GB application and that Figures 1-3 of DE 33,21,036 were thought to be particularly relevant to claims 1 and 5 of the GB application.

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The following is a concise explanation of the relevance of the other non-English-language references:

FR 1,489,093 discloses a wraparound article carrier for packaging cups (20). The carrier comprises opposed top and base walls (13, 3) interconnected by opposed side walls (22, 1) to form a tubular structure. An aperture is provided in the base wall (3) to accommodate a portion of a cup. A bracing tab (2) is formed from the base wall (3) to define the aperture.

This information is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the above application or before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the information cited in this statement be considered according to 37 CFR § 1.97(b). However, if this information is submitted after the three months and a first Office Action has been mailed on or before the date shown on the Certificate of Mailing included in this statement, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2512 in the amount of \$180 to cover the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) and consider the information according to 37 CFR § 1.97(c).

Respectfully submitted,



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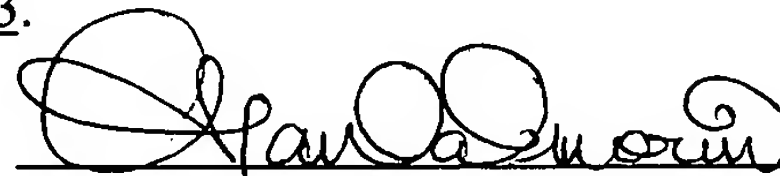
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	AB	2950041	08/1960	Stone			
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